

BALTIC SINKS WITH 1,661 SURVIVORS OF SHIPWRECKED STEAMER REPUBLIC ON BOARD

Captain Sealby Stuck to His Doomed Vessel Until Her Masts Were Submerged.

Fifty of His Crew Stayed With Him Until the Last Mo- ment—Rescued Seamen and Passengers Greeted at New York Wharves by Great Concurrence—Florida Did All in Her Power to Help.

(Special from United Press.)
New York, Jan. 25.—Carrying 1,336 passengers of the wrecked White Star liner Republic and the damaged Italian liner Florida which rammed the Republic, the Baltic steamed up to her pier at 12:40 this afternoon. She will land her passengers within half an hour. She also had on board several members of the crew of the Republic and a total number of survivors numbering 1,661.

The Florida, with her bow smashed in and deserted by all save her officers and crew, reached Ambrose Channel lightship at noon, proceeding to New York under her own steam. When the Republic went down last night she called the bodies of Mrs. Eugene Lynch of Boston, and W. J. Mooney of Langdon, N.D., with her.

When the Baltic came up to her pier she was greeted by wild cries from hundreds who had gathered to witness her arrival. Many in the crowds were relatives or friends of the passengers. Strange scenes were witnessed on the docks. Scattered about were the unfortunates in all manner of grotesque costumes. Many of the women were clad in raincoats and blankets with towels around their heads. Although some had managed to get some sleep on the Baltic last night most of them, especially the women and children, were utterly worn out from exposure and worry.

Several of the passengers were being made as comfortable as possible by friends who had come aboard from the White Star liner Florida. Although they had been sent down the channel last night, the Baltic swept majestically up the channel the fog-bound steamer was given a warm welcome. The less messages were sent to all the neighboring skippers. Entering the North river the passengers on the ferry boat saw the Baltic cheerfully and wildly. The crippled Florida limped into view off Sandy Hook by noon. She came on at an 8 knot rate. She was low at the bow with her stern well in the air.

The furnace was with her acting as a conveyer.

(By E. H. Gihland, Wireless Operator at Bridgeport.)

Bridgeport, Mass., Jan. 25.—The steamship Republic with a huge hole in her port side, amidships lies at the bottom of New York harbor. She sank last night while being towed to New York by the revenue cutter Gresham and the derelict destroyer Seneca. At the time there were 1,661 persons on board and a picked crew of about 50 men including Wireless Operator Binn.

It was soon seen that she could last but a short time. Yet Captain Sealby did not abandon ship. He remained on the vessel until a port of safety. The Gresham continued tugging at the Republic. The straining was getting harder and harder. Suddenly the Republic lurched and those on the Gresham which was nearest the badly hurt liner realized she was sinking.

Lines were rapidly cast off and a lifeboat crew was sent. Another lifeboat, this time deeper, settled the question. The crew began to leap overboard and as fast as this was done the Gresham's bow picked up the Republic. The Republic sank lower and lower till with a lunge she went bow first. The boat from the Gresham was busy picking up the Republic's passengers. The powerful searchlight of the cutter made everything almost as bright as day so the work did not go on in the darkness. All had been taken aboard the lifeboat. It was thought, when it was noticed that Captain Sealby had not been found. Then began a desperate hunt. He was discovered clinging to a grating from the sunken ship. He was greatly exhausted. Captain Sealby and his mate are being cared for on the Gresham.

Boston, Jan. 25.—Dispatches from Newport, R. I., and New York state that there has picked up messages saying fifty of the crew of the Republic are on the derelict destroyer Seneca presumably bound for New York.

New York, Jan. 25.—The White Star liner Baltic with 1,361 passengers of the sunken liner Republic and the damaged Florida reached New York Bay today. She will land her passengers at Ambrose Channel owing to the heavy fog. She will dock during the morning.

The Florida, in company of the American liner New York, is considerably damaged. Owing to the fog and the collision the progress of the two ships from the scene of Saturday's collision is slow. A short distance off No Man's Land, a small islet near Martha's Vineyard, lies all that remains of the once mighty Republic. She sank last night in forty-five fathoms of water. Captain Sealby, who stated he would stay on the ship till she went down, and fifty of the crew, were taken off just in time by the revenue cutter Gresham. The wreck victims on board the Gresham were taken to Martha's Vineyard.

Aboard the Baltic, anchored in Ambrose Channel, Captain Ransome gave out the following statement: "All those aboard are doing as well as could be expected. Many are suffering from nervous shock but the great majority are resting comfortably. The Florida is following us under the convoy of the American liner New York.

The crash came without warning. The Republic slipping out of the fog star striking the Florida before anyone knew of her presence. The shock was terrific and staterooms 34 and 28 were stove in by the bow of the Florida. The Florida immediately backed away and disappeared in the fog at once. The Florida's anchors were left in the wreckage of the demolished staterooms. The mechanism was not damaged. Operator Binn's skull

KEATING ATTACKS; BULLARD RETORTS CITY AUDITOR SCORCHES FIRE BOARD

"They Have Allowed Their Zeal to Outrun Their Dis- cretion," He Says.

Stretched Funds For Fifteen Men to Cover Increase of 33

Right of Commissioners to Do as They Have Done Serious- ly Questioned—Legislation to Prevent Similar Conduct in Future Advocated.

The Fire Department and its affairs are treated exhaustively in the report of the City Auditor, issued today. The Fire Commissioners are made the objects of as scorching a bit of official language as has ever been written into city records.

The occasion which City Auditor has seized upon is the addition of 33 men to the fire force, which was decided by the auditor says, until Jan. 1, of the present year, so that a small appropriation went a long way in making salary payments.

The auditor's report is exceedingly radical in parts. Its opening pages are devoted to a denunciation of bond issues, because every bond issue "means so much more drawn from the resources of the city than it represents."

The auditor says, by way of illustration, that the Congress street bridge bond issue of \$350,000 requires annual payments of \$10,000 for principal and \$400 for interest, making \$2,400 in all.

Nevertheless, he recommends bonding for the Wilmot street sewer, and also the issue of bonds for the new high school building, whenever such a building shall be decided upon.

In one portion of his report the auditor enters into a scathing criticism of the methods adopted by the fire board in adding a large number of permanent men to the department.

In another portion he recommends an appropriation for a supply of water under the 20 year contract. The auditor was a member of the committee which made the contract.

He devotes several paragraphs to emphasizing the idea that the collector of taxes should be a "collector" rather than a "receiver." He shows that there is a total of taxes and assessments due the city on past lists of \$290,121.55. After compensating Tax Collector Donnelly upon his effort to collect these back taxes, the auditor says that the office of deputy tax collector should be created for the purpose of collecting the taxes and assessments. The auditor says that the present force in the office of the tax collector is inadequate.

The auditor recommends five new men for the police department, instead of the 15 asked for by the Police Board. He recognizes the validity of the ordinance passed by the Common Council increasing the pay of patrolmen, and says that "even should the result of the new pay scale be a small matter, it is nevertheless a matter of justice to the men, they will nevertheless receive the same fair treatment already accorded to the officers of the force."

The auditor recommends \$28,000 to be expended for permanent pavement as additional men by the Board of Apportionment a year ago, and we appointed the men on April 1, 1908.

As to the Keating case, the auditor says that the Keating case is a matter of a little closer he will see that the department is smaller this year than it was last. We have reduced the number of callmen in order to add permanent men. There are only 158 men in the Fire department today, while there were 169 a year ago.

"We used this money, and the money we had for a captain and 10 Engine Company and for a lieutenant and 10 No. 3 truck, and added 19 men. We have only 11 men in companies where there are more men, and the whole of the department is composed wholly of permanent men. A full company quota is twelve.

"The statement that we have increased the fixed expense of the city \$20,000 is not correct. The auditor is a little off on his figures there. As a matter of fact the increase is about \$12,000. This is about the average amount that the salaries have increased for several years, and which has been allowed by the Board of Apportionment.

As to the legality of the appointment of the men President Bullard said if the commission had not been within its rights it would not have made the following statement:

He was of the opinion that the auditor had not calculated that there were a number of men in the department who would receive \$100 more this year than they received last year by virtue of their passing into another grade.

Outside the increase in the payroll, President Bullard stated the fire commission was not making any more than \$15,000 more in connection with its regular appropriation, than it did last year.

He added that although the special budget needed and asked for, I was no sign that they would be allowed this year by the board of apportionment. Further, he did not care whether the board of apportionment budget were granted or not. They were there for the tax board's consideration.

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GRAND LIST INCREASES \$4,815,546 NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING BONDS RECOMMENDED FOR IMMEDIATE TAX RATE IS 15.5 MILLS

DWELLING HOUSES BEAR GREAT PROPORTION OF TAX BURDEN

Forty-four Seventy-ninths of City's Entire Revenues From Taxation Will Be Raised on Homes

The grand list for 1908, as prepared by the Board of Assessors and made public today, is \$79,634,112, of which \$44,048,387 is the value of dwelling house property.

Dwelling house owners and store owners will have to stand the gaff of the increase, which approaches the five million mark and is the largest boost that values of taxable property here have received since the system of taxing property at its full value went into effect.

A member of the Board of Assessors said this morning that some of the increases may not compare favorably with other property, this year, but that it is impossible to bring about an equitable adjustment of values in one year.

Dwelling house owners will pay taxes on \$1,828,256 more than last year; merchants, owning stores, will pay on \$2,044,887 more than last year, and those having investments in manufacturing industries will pay on \$346,531 more than they paid a year ago. Owners of mills and manufactures are valued \$8,588 less.

The following table is a comparison of the grand lists of 1907 and 1908 and by glancing over it one may see the sort of property which has received increase under the Mayor's plan of equalization. The table:

	1907.	1908.
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turn lists.	\$ 245,000	\$ 178,597
Dwelling houses,	44,048,387	42,220,131

Grand List, \$79,634,112 \$74,818,569
Increase in list of 1908 over 1907—\$4,815,546.

Stores, 11,022,900 8,978,019
Mills and manu- 7,468,348 7,476,926
factories, 6,452,817 6,818,482
Lands, 185,995 167,040
Horses, 165,995 167,040
Neat cattle, 5,545 6,170
Carriages, 191,675 180,460
Horseless vehicles, 374,325 287,372
Timepieces, 25,375 23,770
Musical instru- 24,485 27,210
ments, 133,550 108,295
Furniture and 2,415 4,000
other stock, 1,874 18,600
Libraries, 66,600 62,250
Bank stock, 3,017,775 2,860,799
Insurance and 6,226,631 6,280,100
other stock, 131,603 146,580
Average amount 4,500 6,000
invested in me-
chanical and
chandeliers, and
vessels, steam-
trade, 10,800 8,900
Investments in 4,000 3,500
mechanical and
manufacturing
operations, 475 825
Investments in
boats and com-
merce, 181,603 146,580
Money at interest, 10,800 8,900
Money on hand
or deposit, 4,000 3,500
Taxable property
not specifically
mentioned, 4,000 3,500
Farming utensils, 475 825

ALDERMEN SEEK TO END CONTRACT

Malodorous. Twenty-Year Instrument Considered by Miscellaneous Committee.

At a meeting of the Miscellaneous committee of the Common Council, held Saturday night, it was voted to report favorably upon the resolution offered by Alderman McMurray at the last session of the council, requesting the Board of Apportionment and Taxation to appropriate any money this year to pay the Bridgeport Hydraulic Co. for water used for fire and other purposes. At the last meeting the Board of Apportionment and Taxation was asked to appropriate the \$12,000 the city pays for the privilege of attaching its hydrants to the water mains. The Aldermen who voted to recommend that the tax rate be raised to pay the debt of the city, were Aldermen Zink, Bertelson and Griffin. Aldermen Thomas and Brock were absent, but it is understood they will sign the committee's report.

MILLER TAKEN TO MIDDLETOWN

On Complaint Made by His Father, Young Man Goes to the Insane Asylum.

Nathan G. Miller was committed to the State insane asylum at Middletown, this morning, in the Probate court by Judge E. P. Nobbs. The complaint was made by his father, Frank Miller, and was the outcome of an unsuccessful attempt on the part of the young man to commit suicide by taking laudanum.

Dr. Fitzgerald and Coots examined the patient and pronounced him to be in a condition unsafe to be at liberty. Alexander Morrissey, investigator of the city, took Miller to Middletown on the train leaving here at 2:20 this afternoon.

CHURCH ALMOST FREE FROM DEBT

Fine Showing Made by Pastor of St. Mary's, Derby, Who Was a Bridgeport Boy.

Rev. Father Robert Fitzgerald, a Bridgeport boy who is the pastor of St. Mary's church of Derby, has met with wonderful success since entering upon his duties there, 32 months ago. It is his first charge, but yesterday he surprised his parishioners in a most agreeable manner by the announcement that the church debt, which was \$39,000 when he became pastor, had been reduced to \$1,500.

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PLAN REMEMBRANCE OF MAINE TRAGEDY

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BENEFIT CONCERT MAY NET \$200

A large gathering was on hand at Poll's theatre last night and appreciated the benefit concert given under the direction of Maestro Giorgio M. Sulli of New York, assisted by his pupils in this city for the aid of the earthquake sufferers of Sicily and Calabria. Those assisting in the program were Mrs. C. W. Phillips, Nanchen C. Adams, Miss Rachel Burp, Mrs. Philip Wadsworth, Mrs. E. Hulse, Elliott Curtis, J. Austin MacConnell, Fred Sniffen, Bruce Conger, Herbert Bottomley, Maestro Sulli was assisted as accompanist by Mr. Herbert Bottomley, violinist, and Mr. Bruce Conger, cellist.

The program was well rendered and reflected great credit on the pupils' teacher. The exercises concluded with a tableau in which Liberty was shown in the act of aiding stricken Italy. The figures were represented very creditably by Miss Louise Richards and Miss Lena Pastine. During the tableau the entire audience sang "The Star Spangled Banner." About \$200 net was realized on the venture.

TWO WERE KILLED AND TWENTY HURT

(Special from United Press.)
Cumberland, Md., Jan. 25.—Two men were killed and twenty seriously injured in the Franklin mine this morning. The men were riding up a steep incline in the air when the cable broke and the car plunged back into the mine. Some of the injured may die.

ITALIAN QUAKE FUND.

Members of police department have contributed \$2 to the Italian Quake fund and Paul Vildo has given \$1.

(UNCLASSIFIED.)

- CARD READER—Advice on all lost, 25c. Mrs. Levy, 674 Madison Ave., 4th house above North Ave. G 6 * t f.
- GAS LAMPS, inverted, complete 68c; Ever Ready, 50c; Portable, complete with tube, \$2.50; at The Liberty, 1029 Broad St. Open evenings. T 30 * t f o.
- POLO AND HOCKEY SUPPLIES, prices lowest in the city. Large line to select from at The Liberty, 1029 Broad St. Open evenings. T 30 * t f o.
- DR. WALTERS, DENTIST, 1062 Main St. Office hours from 8 a. m. to 9:30 p. m. Sundays 9 a. m. to 2 p. m. P 23 * o.
- FREE TO ALL—Hot and cold lunch at Cummings & White's, Golden Hill and Middle Sts. T 30 * 135 t f.
- JAMES J. SHEEHAN, popular batter, 97 E. Main St., has the goods. Call and verify. H 30 * t f o 135.
- PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, typewriter, mimeograph and notary public. Sears, 108 Meigs Building. Telephone 1011-12. B 14 * t f 25 o.
- BRATWURST, pigs' hocks, country specialties. M. M. Nage, 652 East Main St. G 7 t f 135.
- RUPPERT'S N. Y. Ale and Lager, Doughty Ry. Whiskey. Fine goods every day. Drew Bros., 1122 Main St. T 16 * 135 o.
- HOT LUNCH, daily at Morton's Cafe 58 Fairfield Avenue, Everhardt's N. Y. Lager and Smith's Philadelphia Ale on draught. T 9 t f o 13.
- PRATT'S CAFE, 127 Fairfield Ave., is sure to have what you want in ales, wines and liquors. Do not forget the fine free lunch served daily. G 28 * 135 o.
- SAUSAGE that's home made, also liver pudding and blood pudding can be purchased to-morrow at Mark Nagle's, 652 East Main street, and John Porter's, 318 Warren St. These goods are made by Blitz at 95 State St. H 11 t f 135.
- OLD ESTABLISHED Paint Manufactory, Corporation can use good traveling salesman in State of Connecticut. Experience in paint business not necessary. Salary and expenses must furnish references. The Eclipse Paint & Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio. T 11 * 23 o.
- TO RENT—Newly furnished lodge hall, large room, bath, kitchen, August, 12th St. State street, or Matt Walker, 1228 Main street. T 14 * o.
- CASCA LAXINE tablets, the thing for constipation and stomach troubles. G 1 * o.